

# DEBATES IN NEW HUERTA CONGRESS ARE MERE FIGUREHEADS

Many of Them Secretaries to Cabinet Officers; One Huerta's Secretary.

Flight of Foreigners From Mexico City Presages Important Developments.

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man today at the temporary organization of the new chamber of deputies. But, owing to opposition to his sitting, his secretary, Gonzalo Zúñiga, who is himself a member of the chamber, was seated as chairman in his stead. He presided for only a few minutes. Parliamentary form was somewhat neglected in the proceedings. There was a dispute over the selection of a permanent chairman. When Zúñiga called for order and appealed for adherence to parliamentary procedure, he evoked strong opposition.

## "Don't Talk of Law."

"Don't talk of us of law," shouted Miguel Alemán, editor of "El Imperial," the Huerta organ. "What have we to do with law? We are greater than the law. The country is in a delicate condition and we are in duty bound to proceed in the most expeditious manner possible."

The dispute over the chairmanship was finally ended without a ballot by the appointment of Enrique Bas to act as president of the house until next Wednesday, when the chamber will be formally convened. Secretaries were named and committees on credentials was appointed, after which the session was adjourned.

## Remarkable Array of Deputies.

The makeup of the new chamber is rather unusual. Practically all of the members are closely allied in various capacities with the Huerta administration. Several well known detectives have been elected as deputies. Likewise, all of the members of the president's staff, even to his private secretary, Secretaries of members of the cabinet have also been declared elected.

Today's meeting of the lower house was not attended with any of the disorder that had been anticipated. For the first time since the revolution, there was no sign of such an uprising, although there was no display of military force either within or outside of the chamber. The only apparent anxiety on the part of the administration was the presence of a large number of police and "plain clothes men."

Six men are prominently mentioned as possible successors to Gen. Huerta as president of Mexico if he should resign. They are:

Francisco de la Barra, ambassador to France.

Miguel Covarrubias, former minister to Russia.

Francisco Carbajal y Rosas, chief magistrate of the supreme court.

Pedro Lascuráin, minister of foreign affairs in the Madero cabinet.

Gen. Felipe Angeles, former minister of war and now in the field with the rebels.

Manuel Garza Aldape, minister of the interior.

O'Shaughnessy May Quit.

Strong rumors are current tonight that charge O'Shaughnessy is preparing to leave the city for Veracruz tomorrow, but neither he nor any one else connected with the embassy would deny or affirm the report.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy was reported to be in active communication with Washington all day, but no nature of the communication was stated.

At the national palace, no statement was obtainable regarding the intention of Mr. O'Shaughnessy securing his passport tomorrow.

French Minister Leaves.

The exodus of American and other foreigners continues, and tonight those here tonight being M. Lefevre, the French minister, and his family, for Veracruz over the Mexican railway.

Many other prominent French and German families department on the same train, extra sleepers having been put on for their use.

Several special trains have been engaged for tomorrow by persons desiring to get away before the expected crash.

Understood the embassy will be closed at 11 a. m. O'Shaughnessy will leave for Veracruz.

Japan Supports U. S. Policy.

The administration has been greatly encouraged by the assurance of the European powers that they will support the administration policy in Mexico. Japan, too, has announced that it will support the American policy.

Assurances to this effect today came direct from Tokyo.

The general impression in all departments of the government today was that Huerta is near the end of his reign, and that he will soon see the futility of further resistance. In view of the opposition developing in his own cabinet, the alignment of the European powers on the side of the United States and the successes of the Carranza troops in the north, culminating in the capture of Juarez today.

No Recognition For Congress.

The greatest interest at the state department centered about the organization and the possible action of the new Mexican congress. The government has given notice of alleged illegality in its election.

The demand of this government has been that both Huerta and the new congress should get out. Dispatches from Mexico City are to the effect that Huerta has announced again that he will not retire from the presidency and the Mexican congress, following his lead, may hold itself a legal body and declare him a free supply of arms and munitions into Mexico.

Secretary Bryan's suggestion of the number of persons interested in the settlement of the Mexican problem is accepted to include not only the officials of this government but the friends of Huerta, who, working with the American representatives are trying to induce Huerta to yield to the demands of the United States.

Rebels May Hasten Resignation.

It is the belief of officials of the state department that the recent success of the rebels in Mexico will have a powerful effect on Huerta and his supporters and may hasten Huerta's resignation.

The capture today of Juarez is the most disastrous blow yet given to Huerta's government. Juarez is the most important town on the Texas border and continued control of it may lead to the recognition of Gen. Carranza as a belligerent, which would entitle him to a free supply of arms and munitions into Mexico.

From Juarez, the "Constitutionalists," backed by a base of supplies, can strike into the interior of the important Mexican northern states. It is understood that their next objective point is Chihuahua.

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## WHERE IS GEN. CASTRO? DID FEDERAL CHIEF RUN

TRADITION OF THE MEXICAN ARMY IS SHATTERED

## DID FEDERAL CHIEF RUN

ONE of the mysteries of the battle of Juarez is the whereabouts of Gen. Francisco Castro, commander of the federal garrison at the time it was attacked. A week ago when told that Villa had apparently left Chihuahua with the object of attacking Juarez, Gen. Castro exclaimed: "Let him come. We are prepared." When Villa came and conquered, the federal commander was not seen. None of his officers saw him in the fight and nobody has seen him since the fight. Saturday morning the El Paso police thought they had captured him in El Paso, but the prisoner proved to be a colonel of the general's staff. He had not seen the general, he declared.

Reports Saturday night were that Castro and certain members of his staff had been seen riding like the wind past the race track shortly after the rebels opened their attack Saturday morning at 2 o'clock. The shoulder straps and sword of the general were found in his room, which showed that he had made a hurried departure. Pancho Villa is wearing the sword and exhibiting the shoulder straps as trophies of his victory. The dead body of the general has not been found in Juarez. The general belief is that he escaped to Guadalupe or some other nearby point and that he will soon appear on this side and surrender to the United States authorities.

Gen. Castro had a good reputation as a fighter. He belonged to the Diaz regime and won his epaulets in campaigns against Indians and revolutionists under the aged Gray Eagle of Chihuahua. He was a dandified peon soldier when he first entered the service, but he was a sturdy fighter, with the nerve that appealed to Porfirio Diaz, and his promotion was rapid. As a soldier of Madero he was loyal; as a soldier of Huerta he was looked upon as one of the most reliable in the army. The white feather was not considered a part of his physical makeup. It was expected that his dead body would be found at the court or on the streets, like that of his predecessor, Timbouni, whose corpse was found after the Madero victory, pierced with a dozen bullets and bayonet stabs cold and stiff in the window of his office.

But the traditions of the Mexican army have been shattered; there is no firing squad or weeping widow today to follow a corpse to the little cemetery on the gravel covered hill. Castro is still a live general somewhere. His men fought without a commander; some died on the streets doing their duty; some fell prisoners in the hands of the enemy and died a less glorious death beside an adobe wall; all were defeated. The general—where is he? Everybody wants to know.

## Americans at Tuxpam Are Prepared to Fight

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 12.—A wireless message at the Norfolk Navy yard from the battleship Rhode Island says that 509 Americans are in transit near Tuxpam, Mexico, and are unable to get away. The dispatch further states that they are prepared to fight for their lives. The Rhode Island is in Mexican waters.

## Federals Fear Outbreak Of Nuevo Laredo Troops

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 15.—Because of fears of an outbreak among the federal soldiers at Nuevo Laredo, who are disaffected because of the failure of the

## General Pancho Villa and Some El Paso Amigos

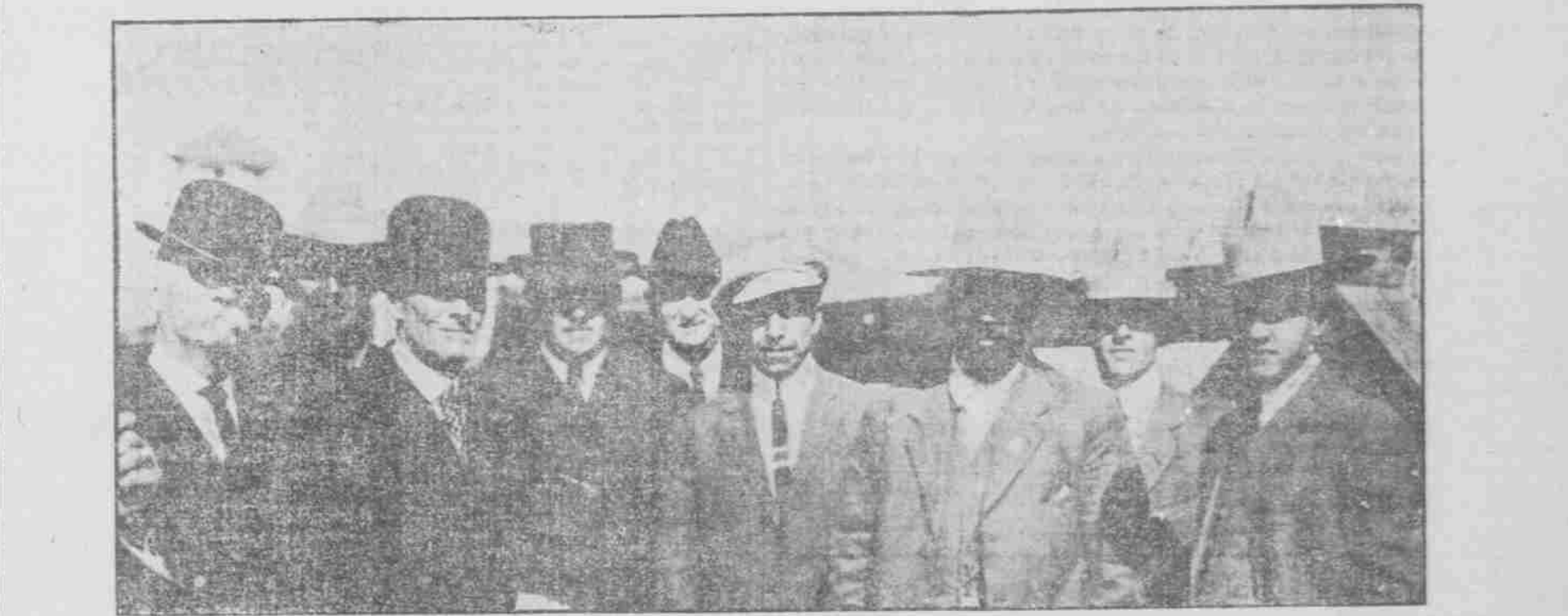


Photo made by Frank C. Hecox at Juarez, showing, from left to right, Park Pitman, sheriff Peyton J. Edwards, mayor C. E. Kelly, H. S. Potter, Billy Smith, Bernardo Rangel, Ike Alderete's chauffeur, Pancho Villa and C. F. Morse. Photograph taken yesterday.

government to pay them, all newspapers containing the reports of the capture of Juarez by Pancho Villa, were held up here today and all persons crossing the bridge were searched to prevent the smuggling across of newspapers. Communication with the soldiers was also prohibited.

Cross society has taken charge of the relief work.

## El Pasoans Flock to Juarez.

Street car service to the border town from El Paso was opened about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and within an hour Juarez was filled with the curious from this side. Hundreds of Americans visited the town during the afternoon and night. Few stores were open during the day and all saloons were kept closed.

Four thousand mounted rebels are expected to reach Juarez late Sunday night from the south. They are the main body of Villa's army. Leading them are Rosario Hernandez, Terribio Ortega and J. Benavides. This force is traveling overland from Villa Ahumada, midway between Juarez and the city of Chihuahua.

## Juarez Is Normal.

Saturday night Juarez had returned to its usual indifference and, except for the presence on the streets of large numbers of rebel soldiers, there was little to indicate that the town had been under fire 18 hours before. A number of refugees came to the American side Saturday morning, but panic had subsided by daylight.

## BATTERY WAS NOT CALLED FROM FORT

Held in Readiness All Day, But Did Not Come Down to Juarez Saturday.

With the beginning of the attack on Villa upon Juarez, orders were issued for the battery of artillery in camp at Fort Bliss to be held in instant readiness for action. The "Constitutionalists" made such short work of taking the city, the artillery was not called out, but remained in camp at Fort Bliss all day, in readiness for instant action.

## FUNERAL OF SEGGERSON

TO BE HELD SUNDAY.

The funeral of Charles Seggeron, American auto stand driver, who was killed at 4 o'clock Saturday morning in the Juarez engagement, will be held at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Myrtle and Campbell streets.

Seggeron was killed while standing by his machine in front of the keno hall in Juarez waiting for a fare.

## TROOP'S EXCHANGE STATIONS

TO RELIEVE BRIDGE GUARD DUTY.

To relieve troops L and N Second cavalry, which had been on duty continuously since 4 o'clock Saturday morning, troop K, commanded by Capt. B. S. Fitch, and troop M, commanded by Capt. W. F. Martin, left Fort Bliss and took station at the Santa Fe bridge at 5 o'clock Saturday evening.

## SOUTHERN FOOTBALL RESULTS.

At Birmingham—Auburn, 14; Vanderbilt, 6.

At Atlanta—Georgia, 11; Tech, 6.

At Little Rock—Mississippi, 21; Arkansas, 10.

At Durham—North Carolina, 20; Wake Forest, 6.

At New Orleans—Tulane, 31; Southwestern, 7.

At Davidson—South Carolina, 10; Davidson, 6.

At Conway—Henderson-Brown, 7; Hendrix, 0.

At Gainesville—Florida, 15; Citadel, 12.

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## VILLA EXECUTES MANY PRISONERS FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE OF JUAREZ

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was among the first to join Gen. Jose Ynes Salazar when that soldier revolted against Madero. He soon became a favorite with Salazar and was made chief of staff under him.

Recently, however, Salazar and Porfirio quarreled and the latter was placed under arrest in Juarez on a charge of insubordination. He was virtually a federal prisoner when the rebels captured Juarez.

There was little ceremony about the execution of Porfirio and he was not even kept in prison the few short hours until the others were executed. Evidently there was a belief that the sooner he was out of the way, the better, for he was marched out to the court almost immediately after his command was surrendered to the rebels near the race track Saturday morning, and in two minutes after he was executed.

Validated the barracks, he was marched to the west side of the building and told to face the wall. The simultaneous crack of half a score of rifles followed immediately and Enrique Porfirio was out of the way of the "Constitutionalists" forever.

## No Execution of Privates.

There will be no execution of the 140 private soldiers captured Saturday, according to rebel officers. A rumor was current Saturday afternoon that 40 of these soldiers were shot soon after their surrender, but no confirmation of it could be obtained and rebel authorities say the story is absolutely false.

What disposition will be made of these prisoners has not yet been decided. The capture of Juarez by Villa is considered one of the most important events of the revolution.

Not only has the rebel cause been benefited by the capture of two cannon, four machine guns, 300 horses and 15,000 rounds of ammunition, but a part of entry has been gained which is also a strategic military point. The

capture of Juarez by Madero in 1910 marked the downfall of Diaz.

Gen. Francisco Castro, commander of the Juarez garrison, is still listed with the "mising." The consensus of opinion is that the federal commander escaped early in the battle. It was reported a military officer in Juarez last night that the general and his chief of staff were seen soon after his flight.

Gen. Castro, arrested by Capt. W. O. Drell, a detail of El Paso police at 1007 South St. Vrain street, at noon Saturday proved to be Col. Govea. Men who know Gen. Castro positively declared that the prisoner was not the general.

The attack on the city being such a complete surprise, probably accounts for the weak resistance made by the federals. Even at that, the federals fought gallantly for a time. The main barracks on the western edge of the town, contained two field pieces and four machine guns, while the attackers had only their rifles.

For two hours the fight went on and not until they had lost about 20 men besides approximately 50 wounded did the federals surrender. It was at this point that the heaviest fighting took place. Seventy-five soldiers were made prisoners when the surrender took place.

Gang Stood by Volunteers.

In the meantime Villa had ordered general J. Rodriguez with the second division to stamp out all opposition in the eastern portion of the town. This was accomplished with little difficulty except in one instance, and that was when 25 members of the volunteer corps of the Breves district fortified themselves in an adobe house on Comercio street, six blocks from the center of town, under command of Col Enrique Partillo.

Long after the firing had ceased in all other quarters these men held more than 200 attackers at bay. It was 3 o'clock before they finally yielded to the inevitable and ran up a white flag.

Most of their ammunition was gone and their dead numbered 14. Half of

the remainder were wounded. The taking of this position cost the rebels four lives.

## Death For Looting.

By this time Villa had begun operation in his headquarters and was trying to bring order out of the confusion. Strict orders against looting, with death as the penalty for violation, were issued by the rebel commander, and so far as is known his order was not disobeyed. Guards were stationed in front of all the stores and saloons in the downtown section.

Grocery Store Burned.

Four horses were taken by the rebels from the Juarez race track, but three of them were restored to their owners when complaint was made at military headquarters.

"El Bano," a grocery store in the eastern portion of the town, was set on fire during the battle and burned to the ground. It is estimated that the loss will be in the neighborhood of \$5000.

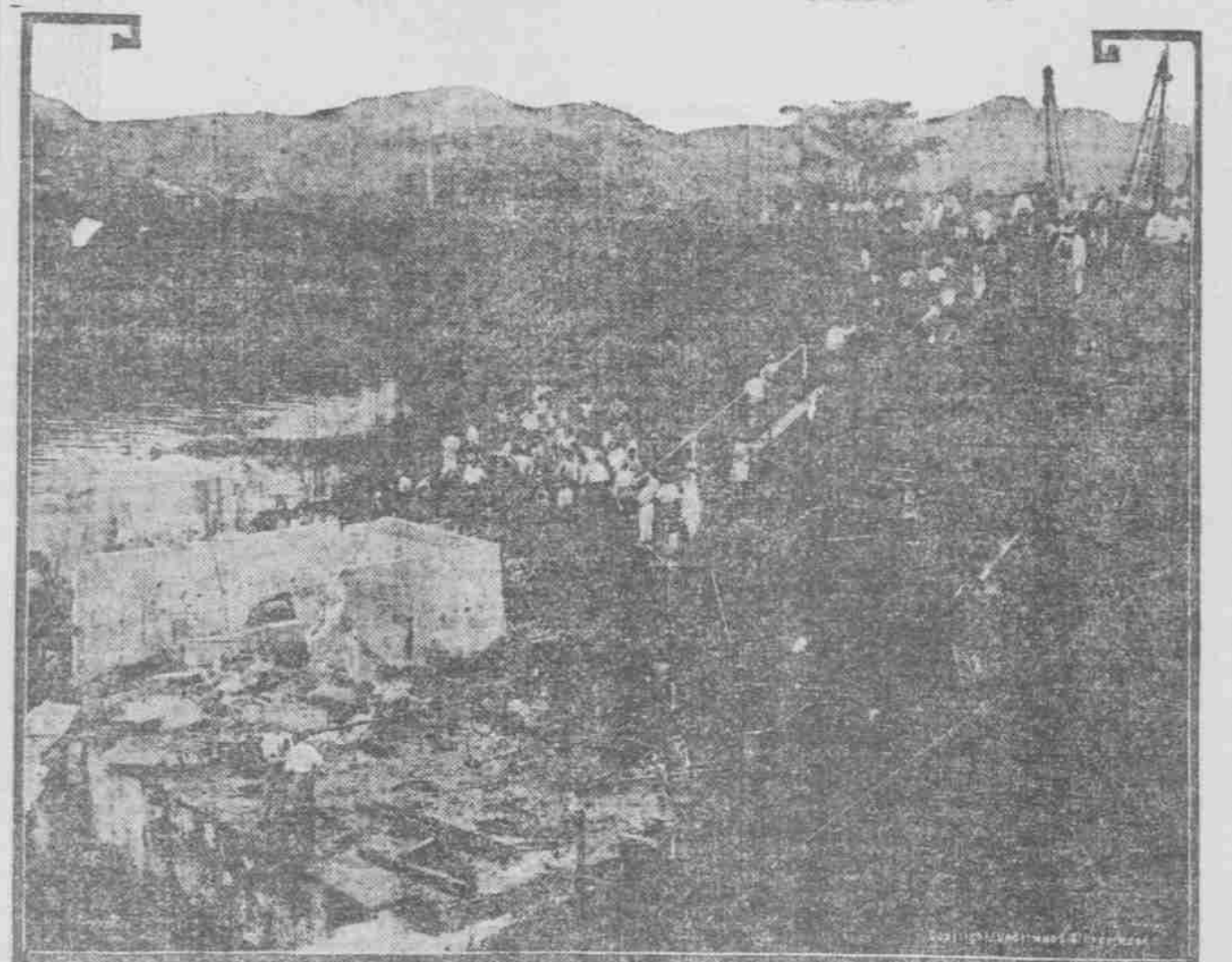
The total number of wounded is variously estimated at between 100 and 150 by physicians. The rebel estimate is 95 wounded. The Juarez hospital is filled to overflowing and the Tivoli cafe at the corner of Comercio street and Lerdo avenue has been converted into a temporary place for housing the wounded.

Hospital Conditions Bad.

Conditions in the hospitals are reported to be frightful. Lack of bandages, medicines, and supplies has created a situation that El Paso doctors, who have visited the wounded, say is terrible. During the afternoon many El Paso physicians offered their services to the rebel leader, but found on their arrival in Juarez that lack of facilities practically prevented them from relieving the suffering American army officers have issued orders that no wounded are to be brought to this side.

Among the physicians who visited the town during the afternoon were doctors G. B. Calnan, R. L. Ramey, Frank Lynch and J. J. Bush. A number of nurses also went over from the American side, but found that they could be of little service. The white

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## AMUSEMENTS.

### THE BIJOU.

The Bijou management has arranged a good Sunday program which will include another two part Lubin special, "Self Convicted," and a comedy that will be in keeping with the Lubin productions, which are always considered good when in two reels.

Monday, "In Convict Garb," a two reel special, will be featured.

Tuesday, "The Invisible Government," a Solig special that is a beautiful picture, will be shown. This is the second of the "Man in the Street" stories. Al-

though this is a complete story, it assumes that the spectator has seen the former and will understand that the "man" is a detective.

Wednesday, "Mary Fuller," in "A Proposal from the Spanish Don," the second story of "Who Will Marry Mary," series will be shown. Cut this out for future reference.—Advertisement.

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